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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN AD IN NEW YORK TIMES CONCERNING SOUTH
AFRICA AND UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AD PLACED BY SAG IN NEW YORK TIMES MAR 25,
WHICH INCLUDES PHOTO OF JOHANNESBURG SKYLINE AND IS HEADED,
"COULD THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
BE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA?"

QUOTE

THERE'S NO REASON WHY IT COULDN'T-EXCEPT
THAT SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF IS BARRED FROM THIS COMMISSION.

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MANY PEOPLE ARE SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT WE WERE EXPELLED

SOME YEARS AGO FROM THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA ON PURELY IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS. ONE PUNDIT REMARKED AT THE TIME:

"THE DOOR HAS BEEN SHUT ON THE ONE COUNTRY MOST LIKELY TO CURE AFRICA'S MANY ECONOMIC AILMENTS. IT'S LIKE SHUTTING OUT THE DOCTOR AND HOPING FOR MIRACLE CURES."

SOUTH AFRICA IS ONE OF ONLY TWENTY SIX INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AND THE ONLY ONE IN AFRICA- ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

IT IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN AFRICA THAT STILL HAS FOOD FOR OTHERS AFTER HAVING FED ITS OWN. IT LEADS THE CONTINENT IN EVERY FORM OF TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW AND RESEARCH.

SMALL WONDER THEN THAT MANY AFRICAN STATES HAVE BYPASSED THE U.N. ECONOMIC COMMISSION TO SEEK OUR ASSISTANCE. IN 1974, FOR EXAMPLE, WE DESPATCHED 14.9 MILLION DOSES OF VETERINARY VACCINE TO EIGHT OF OUR BLACK NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHY JOHANNESBURG SHOULD NOT HOST THE U.N. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA-PROVIDED SOUTH AFRICA IS ACCEPTED BACK AS A FULL MEMBER.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA CAN BE OBTAINED FROM: THE INFORMATION COUNSELLOR, SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY, 3051 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. N.W., WASHINGTON D.C. 20008.

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